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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REF YOUR 12024, WE HAVE BEGUN OUR NOW FAMILIAR ROUTINE OF ASKING THE SOVIET EMBASSY PRESS SECTION THE BASIS FOR CLAIMING THAT CHARIKOV WOULD COME TO A "VACANT SLOT" IN THE RADIO AND TV CONTINGENT IN NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO HIM ALONG WITH BOROVIKH OF LIT GAZ AND BOTH TSARITSYN AND MATYASH OF TASS WOULD BRING THE PRESENT WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS' CORPS UP FROM 30 TO 33. WE HAVE NO FORMAL CEILING OR RATIO ON THE NUMBER OF SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS IN THE US, AND WE DO NOT WANT TO IMPOSE ONE. BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A GROWING IMBALANCE IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD LIVE WITH.

2. FOR MARSHALL BREMENT: CARDOZO HIGH SCHOOL CANNOT BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE (TELEPHONE TEMPORARILY DISCONNECTED). BOARD OF ED. OFFICE STATES THAT A LETTER HAS TO BE WRITTEN TO CARDOZO AT 57-00 223 THIRD STREET, BAYSIDE, NY 13364.

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(SECRETARY GOES IN ONCE A WEEK.) WE HAVE WRITTEN THE LETTER

AND WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT RESPONSE WE GET.

3. RE YOUR QUESTION ON HOW MUCH SPACE SOVIETS HAVE IN NEW YORK, ANSWERS SENT IN PAPER TO PORTER CARRIED BY THE AMBASSADOR.

4. TO FACILITATE THE DEPARTMENT'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE CSCE IN THE TAGS LINE OF CSCE-RELATED CABLES.

B. RE JACK'S DISCUSSION WITH BOB WE HOPE TO SPRING SOMETHING TOMORROW WHICH WOULD GIVE YOU A GREEN LIGHT. AS FOR A VISIT BY SOMEONE STATIONED IN EUROPE THERE ARE PROBLEMS SINCE FOUR POSTS ARE CURRENTLY WITHOUT INCUMBENTS IN POSITIONS, BUT BILL IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY.

6. A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON RECENT REPORTING. TWO EXAMPLES OF PRESS REPORTING WHICH SEEMED TO US COULD HAVE BEEN HELD UNTIL SOME COMMENT FROM CONTACTS WAS OBTAINED WERE THE PRESS ON THE SHAKNOZAROV ARTICLE (MOSCOW 11700) AND THE PROVADA ARTICLE ON COMPUTERS IN LARGE ECONOMIC PROJECTS (MOSCOW 11601). THE LATTER OBVIOUSLY HAS AN APPEAL FOR SPECIAL CONSUMERS BUT THE GENERAL READER WOULD HAVE FOUND THE REPORT MOST INTERESTING IF A KNOWLEDGEABLE SOVIET COULD HAVE BEEN BUTTONHOLED FOR COMMENT. PRESS ROUNDUP ON ME (MOSCOW 11868) WAS QUITE SUFFICIENT AS IT STOOD AND WAS WELL DONE. BY THE WAY, WE MEANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON MOSCOW 11434, "CONDITIONS IN OUTLYING AREAS" WHICH IS A GOOD SYNTHESIS AND MUCH APPRECIATED HERE. KISSINGER

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